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Official Directory of Pocahontas County

Judge of Circuit Court, A. N. Campbell.
 Prosecuting Attorney, L. M. McClintic.
 Sheriff, J. C. Arbogast.
 Deputy Sheriff, Robt. K. Burns.
 Clerk of Court, S. L. Brown.
 Cir. Court, J. H. Patterson.
 Assessor, C. O. Arbogast.
 Com'rs Co. Ct. (C. E. Beard, G. M. Kee, Amos Barlow, Geo. Baxter, Geo. P. Moore.)
 Justices: A. C. L. Gatewood, Split Rock—Chas Cook, Edray—W. H. Grose, Huntersville—Jno R Taylor, Dunmore—G. R. Curry, Academy—Thos Bruffy, Lobelia.

THE COURTS.

Circuit Court convenes on the first Tuesday in April, 3rd Tuesday in June and 3rd Tuesday in October.
 County Court convenes on the 1st Tuesday in January, March, October and second Tuesday in July July is levy term.

N. C. McNEIL,
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
 Marlinton, W. Va.

Will practice in the Courts of Pocahontas and adjoining Counties, and in the Court of Appeals of the State of West Virginia.

L. M. McCLINTIC,
 Attorney-at-Law,
 Huntersville, W. Va.

Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas and adjoining counties and in the Supreme court of Appeals.

H. S. RUCKER,
 Atty.-at-Law & Notary Public,
 Huntersville, W. Va.

Will practice in the courts of Pocahontas and adjoining counties and in the Supreme court of Appeals.

Attorney-at-Law,
 Lewisburg, W. Va.

Will practice in the courts of Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties.
 Prompt attention given to claims for collection in Pocahontas county.

W. A. BRATTON,
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
 Marlinton, W. Va.

Prompt and careful attention given to all legal business.

A. DREW PRICE,
 Attorney-at-Law,
 MARLINTON, W. VA.

Will be found at Times Office.

D. R. O. J. CAMPBELL,
 DENTIST,
 Monterey, Va.

Will visit Pocahontas County, at least, twice a year.
 The exact date of his visits will appear in this paper.

D. J. H. WEYMOUTH,
 RESIDENT DENTIST,
 Beverly, W. Va.

Will visit Pocahontas County every Spring and Fall. The exact date of each visit will appear in THE TIMES.

J. M. CUNNINGHAM, M. D.,
 PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,
 Office next door to H. A. Yeager's Hotel. Residence opposite Hotel. All calls promptly answered.

J. M. BARNETT, M. D.
 has located at
FROST, W. VA.
 Calls promptly answered.

M. F. GIESEY
 Architect and
 Superintendent.
 Room, 19, Keilly Block,
 Wheeling, W. Va.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
 For State Senate.

We are authorized to announce E. I. Holt of Academy as a candidate for the State Senate from the 8th Senatorial District, subject to the act on of the Democratic Convention to meet at Hinton, August, 2nd, 1894.

A Chapter of Unwritten History.

About 1750 John Wilson and Bowyer Miller located on Jackson River, now Highland County, Va. Mr. Wilson settled at the mouth of Peak or Stony Run, while Miller at Wilsonville, farther up.

During Braddock's war, Mr. Miller refuged to Tinkling Spring, finally across the Blue Ridge, leaving land, house and property uncared for.

About 1856 Mr. Wilson refuged near Greenville, taking his movable property with him. But finding it impossible to get subsistence, sent his horses and cattle back, and employed some one to do the ranging and salting.

We hear nothing more of him. In a year or two his family ventured to return, and took up their abode on the east bank of the river, some two hundred yards, perhaps, below the crossing leading to the Bolar Spring. The Indians then raided their home about the year 1760.

This John Wilson, the pioneer, was the grandfather of the late Wm. Wilson, whose daughters, Charlotte and Susan, married Adam and Washington Stephenson, citizens of Highland county. The morning of the raid, John Wilson, one of the sons, had gone to Fort Lewis on the Cow Pasture, to invite hands to assist in raising the house, recently occupied by Mrs. Washington Stephenson. In the meanwhile Mrs. Wilson and her daughters, Barbara and Susan, were very busy in preparations for the raising, and were cooking and washing on the east bank of the river near the cabin.

Thomas Wilson, a younger son, was at the mill grinding the needed corn meal. The mill stood near the crossing of the Warm Run leading to the residence of the late David Stephenson. Upon John's return, late in the evening as he came in sight of home, he was fired upon by Indians. One ball passed under his arm-pit and tore the fringe off his hunting shirt. Mounted on a fleet horse he turned instantly to return to the fort, whence he had just come, and was soon out of sight of the Indians. While going at full speed through the gap, a limb knocked his hat off. He stopped and picked it up at the peril of his life. This person was the father of the William Wilson, Esq., already mentioned, and of the late Mrs. Esther Bolar, southwest of the Warm Springs.

Upon reaching the fort, he told what had happened, and begged for assistance at once. None were willing to venture that night. The captain then ordered a draft, for a detachment. It was very late in the night before the detail reached the summit of Jack Mountain, overlooking the valley. It was dark, no light save that of the summer stars, and in the valley this light was obscured by a dense fog. With sad forebodings they began the descent into the darkness of the ravine beneath, through which they were to grope their way and where their young guide had been fired on and pursued by the wily enemy. They cautiously moved down the mountain, quietly passed through the gap, all on foot except their guide, John Wilson.

At the edge of the gap, he dismounted, hung up his saddle and bridle and turned the jaded horse out to graze in the woods. He also advised his friends to leave the path, cross the Warm Run, and pass down the right bank by a circuitous way to the mill to see whether it was running or not.

"If it be running," says John Wilson, "it is a bad sign, for then I know that the Indians have surprised Brother Tom and killed him, because they would not know how to stop the mill. But if it is not running there is some hope, for he may have seen the Indians, stopped the mill and made his escape, for I know no Indian can catch him by running."

The mill was found to be silent. Young Wilson entered it quietly and found everything in place, and the newly ground sack of meal was at the chest, securely tied. Taking hope from this the rescuing party crossed the river just above the mouth of the Warm run and passed over the bottom to the knoll on which the church stands, and thence moved with the greatest caution in the direction of the dwelling on the opposite side of the river.

Upon reaching the camp just opposite the cabin, John Wilson advised the men to remain there until he could wade over and find out what had happened. If all was well, he could call them over, but if the cabin had been destroyed, or occupied by the Indians, he would return and determine on what would be best to do. When he approached the dwelling he found the doors heavily barricaded, but through a well known crevice he discovered the family was yet there. Thereupon he gave the signal, and his friends hastened over in all the transports of exulting joy, so great was their relief from the long and powerful suspense they had been in for so many hours.

The mother and her daughter Barbara had been somewhat wounded, but not fatally injured. Susan had escaped unhurt.

It was found that none but Tom Wilson was missing. The last thing known of him he was at the mill. Upon going to the mill early in the morning, the party found his track, and that he had been running. This they followed until they found where Tom had stepped on a stick, had fallen, been overtaken and captured. The Indians were trailed from that point across the river to the bluff near the residence of the late Michael Wise. Thence they went southwest to a point about a mile below where the church now stands. There they remained some time, as the signs indicated. From that point they were traced back to Peak's Run, up which they went.

Tom's sister Susan took the lead in all this search for Tom. She was well nigh frantic with grief. At frequent times she would cry out, as she went in advance of the party by fifteen or twenty yards; "Here are my poor brother's tracks!"

Upon reaching the top of Back Creek Mountain, it was thought best to go no farther, as fourteen men could do nothing with so many savages as the signs indicated. It was with great difficulty that Susan could be prevailed on to return without forcible measures. For years nothing was heard from Tom. He died of fever soon after his capture. In some future sketch it will appear how information was obtained of his subsequent fate.

The writer is indebted to the late John Cleek, Esq., for the material of this and other sketches. He would like to have some information respecting John Wilson, the pioneer at the time of the raid, as he does not seem to have been at home.

An Interesting Book.
 Mr. Thomas Bruce has published a very instructive book, and to West Virginians it is very interesting.

Its title is "Heritage of the Trans-Allghany Pioneers." It can be had for \$1.50 from Nichols, Killam & Moffat, Baltimore.

The purpose of this book of 225 pages is to illustrate the early history of central West Virginia, and the marvellous natural resources of that region. Among the striking things brought to the reader's attention is the fact that the West Virginia and Pittsburg R. R. is the connecting link of the Pittsburg region of Pennsylvania with the South. It will be the most direct route by over two hundred miles when the line is extended from Camden-on-Gauley to Covington, and all is virtually opened and completed except the interval between those points. The thoughtful reader can see from this that the possibility of the road are simply wonderful.

The Importance of Time and Distance.

In estimating the future prosperity of projected lines of railway, time and distance are important elements to be considered. Time is that precious commodity that money, the mover, will control all things, and will have its way, and for the saving of itself presses the industrial classes into selecting and using the shortest and quickest geographical routes and location. The marvelous mineral deposits of the South are putting the Southland very rapidly in reach and identity of interest with Northern, Eastern and Western capital. Inventors and manufacturers will choose the shortest possible outlets of transportation, and so from the manufacturing regions of Pennsylvania to the raw material of Virginia and West Virginia and Pittsburg, with the new Monongahela and Baltimore & Ohio combined, have in hand the key that opens the shortest, quickest and most direct route of the future, from North to South, via Morgantown, Fairmount, Weston, Flat Woods, Camden-Gauley and Covington.

Second Round of Quarterly Meetings, Lewisburg District, M. E. Church South.

Frankford, Mt. Hermon,	July 14, 15
Green Bank, Mt. Vernon,	" 14, 15
Huntersville, Mt. Pleasant,	" 14, 15
Levelton, Sharon,	" 21, 22
Hot Springs,	" 21, 22
Gillette,	" 28, 29
Hinton,	" 28, 29
Millboro, Shiloh,	August 4, 5
Talcoot, Forest Hill,	" 4, 5
Union, Pickaway,	" 4, 5
Lewisburg,	" 11, 12
Ronceverte and White Sul.	" 11, 12
Covington,	" 11, 12
Blue Sulphur, Camp ground,	" 18, 19
Alleghany,	" 25, 26
Alvon,	" 25, 26
Greenville,	Sept. 1, 2
Alderson,	" 8, 9
Clifton Forge,	" 8, 9

W. G. HAMMOND, P. E.

Every West Virginian will be annoyed when he knows that a paper of the standing of the Atlanta Constitution should give credence to the following:

"At Hinton, W. Va., the other day, several hundred citizens cheered W. C. P. Breckenridge, and when an opponent raised a banner inscribed: 'Protection to American Women.' It was pulled down and torn to pieces."

We do not believe it to be true for the simple reason that we do not believe that such an idiotic (not to use a worse word) proceeding could have happened in a West Virginia town.
 A somewhat strange coincidence,

however, may be marked, that one of Hinton's newspapers published a highly amusing article of a regular correspondent, which cried "bravo to Breckinridge," in spite of the fact that he has shown himself to be an impure and corrupt man.

UNDER the Australian ballot law the nominees of the various parties are placed upon the same ticket. In the case where nominations are made in conventions, like the Democrats of this county held recently, a certificate of nomination must be forwarded to the clerk's office, signed by the President and Secretary of the convention. This makes the duty of these officers, in this respect, a very responsible one, as it places in their power the whole action of the convention. And as the party spirit prevails in these days to such an extent, the action of these officers may insure a candidates election or make his election hopeless. It can be seen, then, how pertinent to the state of affairs, as brought about by the late convention, is a little study of the law, by the president and secretary of that meeting, before they get themselves in danger of some dissatisfied element making complaint against them, and causing them to explain the whole matter in court.

DENTISTRY. Dr. J. H. Weymouth will be at Edray on the 6th of July and remain 4 days. Buckeye, (Clark Kellisons) July 12th., 3 days. Mill Point, July 16th, 3 days and will be prepared to attend to all operations in dentistry. Call early and make your engagements, as his time is limited to the above dates.

The Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge, Congressman and candidate for re-nomination from the 7th Congressional District of Kentucky, passed through here Friday morning, on No. 3, on his way home to look after his interests there. A large crowd of admirers and others collected at the depot to see the Colonel, and when the train pulled into the depot and Breckinridge pulled up the shade to the window the applause was deafening. A large number of those present shook hands with the Colonel, and he received many an invitation to stay over and pay our little city a visit.—*Independent-Herald.*

Mr. Robert Kerr, of Green Bank, this county, who was appointed cadet to West Point from this District, passed the entrance examination at that place—being one of the 49, out of ninety odd who passed the examination.

Commissioner's Notice.

Jacob Sheets, Administrator,
 vs.
 Rachel E. A. Sheets, et al.

PURSUANT to two certain decrees of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, rendered in the aforesaid cause on the 6th day of April, 1894, and the 22d day of June, 1894, respectively, I shall, as commissioner in chancery of the circuit court of said county proceed at my office in the town of Marlinton, in said county, on the 30th day of August, 1894, to take, state and report to court the following matters of account, to-wit:

1. A settlement of the accounts of J. C. Arbogast as the administrator of Jacob Sheets, deceased.
2. An account of the debts due from Jacob Sheets at the time of his death, with their amounts, priorities and to whom due.
3. Any other matter deemed pertinent by myself or required by any party in interest to be specially stated.

W. A. BRATTON, Com'r.
 July 6, 1894.
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